Highest temperature yesterday, 54; lowest, 40. Detailed weather reports on page 6.

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CABINET VIEWS U-BOATS AS WAR'S GREATEST CRISIS FOR U. S.; BERESFORD SAYS SECRET PLAN WILL END SUBMARINE WAR; COUNCIL IN HARMONY ON PLANS TO MAKE VICTORY CERTAIN

ARRAS BATTLE IS DEADLOCKED

British Make Slight Gains. but Germans Show Great Strength.

Intense Cannonading Reported Against Lines Held by Crown Prince.

ages unabated and without an issue in sight. What is coming to be regarded as the flereest battle of the war is a virtual deadlock, in which British atgranite of German defence, and German

All that the British can do with teryards of a position. Once captured workers, thing like a sweeping victory.

The deadly nature of the struggle and law," he said. to tremendous importance have resulted nothing of the struggle in which the two armies are locked. Not until the battle takes a decisive turn or dies out over the decreased bread ration. He with the simultaneous exhaustion of continued:

PARIS. April 27.—The extent of the German losses in the recent desperate fighting along the Aisue is partially dissipate the simultaneous exhaustion of continued: ooth armies will the world know of its

French Shell Lines.

on the Prench trade of the Control of the Stunning intensity, unceasing concentrated, is going on along the Aisne battle-field. The gunfire, continued by and night, echoes and recchees through the ravines and valleys, correspondents reines and valleys, correspondents rei. Most of the slopes where are the
German trenches have been shorn
frees. The Crown Prince, commandthere, reports that the artillery
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the is gradually developing even
are violence.

"I demand that strikes cease in the
ruture, but on the other hand, the workmust have mouthpleces through
which they may make known their desires and complaints. That purpose will
be answered by the appointment of labor
representatives on food organization and

ithout a Name in the same region was taken. The Germans tried surprise at-tacks, but were repulsed by French ma-

22 German Fliers Felled.

chine guns or grenades.

On the contrary, the German state-ment says that "infantry engagements on the Chemin-des-Dames resulted in capture of ground and prisoners.

noile the Germans claim to have dis-posed of cleven airpianes and one bal-leon, though they follow their custom of

GERMANY'S EXISTENCE PUT AT STAKE BY STRIKE PERIL

Admission Made by Munitions Minister in Appeal to Workers.

MAY DAY RIOTS FEARED

FRENCH PREPARING BLOW Severe Punishment Asked for Laborers, Whose Demands Are Called Madness.

AMSTERDAM, via London, April 27 .-Gen. Groener, Minister of Munitions, in justifying his imperative demand for a fifth day the second battle of Arras cessation of the munitions strike, said in a speech before the Reichstag committee that the so-called Leipzig programme and the telegram to the Imperial Chancellor demanding that he should receive tack breaks for the most part on the a deputation and listen to political demands, including one for the franchise counter attacks are as stubbornly re- and the creation of a labor council of the Russian style, were factors which had completely changed the situation infic and accurate artillery fire, repeated and persistent attacks, is to storm here. These demands, said Gen. Groener, were madness and imposed upon the inexperiand there a fragment of trench, a few ence, good nature and honesty of the

"There shall be no more strikes and German reserves are too many and their we will ruthlessly prosecute wire pullcourage toe desperate to permit of any. ers and hit these political traitors to the fatherland with the full force of the

Gen. Groener asserted that the workin a strict censorship. Both sides issue ers who had gone on strike had been brief official announcements telling httle, hypnotized and did not know what they of the progress of events; the corre- were doing. He said that even a strike spondents are permitted to tell almost which lasted only three hours was a had

"They wanted to demonstrate to the Government where it had failed. It was Meantime another struggle to the struck on Monday hardly knew any furious seems about to break forth rgain, who struck on Monday hardly knew any on the French front. Cannona ling of they had done so. On Tuesday every on the French front, concentration one had returned to his senses and on matter was smuggled in from abroad "I demand that strikes cease in the

stuffs are consumed mainly by people in one department, and an important one, of the two big battles there seems full working capacities and service to have clear superiority. French and British airmen have brought down twenty-its armen have brought down twenty-its agreement acquait distribution of foodstuffs has been the fundamental cause of these strikes.

Stuffs are consumed mainly by people who are not compelled to give their full working capacities and service to says to-day that "unofficial announcement" was made to-day at headquarters of the National Defence Council that to bring about a more equal distribution of the Administration bill says to-day that "unofficial announcement" was made to-day at headquarters of the National Defence Council that to bring about a more equal distribution of the Administration bill says to-day that "unofficial announcement" was made to-day at headquarters of the National Defence Council that to bring about a more equal distribution of the Administration bill says to-day that "unofficial announcement" was made to-day at headquarters of the National Defence Council that to bring about a more equal distribution of foodstuffs has been the fundamental cause of these strikes.

Berlin Placarded With Appeal to Stop Strikes

AMSTERDAM, via London, April 27.—Berlin newspapers publish an appeal made by Gen. Groener, director of munition supplies, which has been placarded in all public places. He says: "Our army needs arms and mu-nitions. Did you not read Hin-denburg's letter? How dare you defy him?

"He will be a mean hound who does not work so long as the army stands opposite the enemy. The worst enemies are among u They are small minded people and those who instigate a strike must be branded before the nation as traitors to the fatherland and to the army. Those who listen to their words are cowards. "Who dares to stop when Hin-denburg commands him to work?

We are not far from the goal

The nation's existence is at

PUT AT 235,000

Aisne Casualties and Prisoners Form One of Greatest Totals of War.

definan losses in the recent desperate righting along the Alsne is partially dis-closed in the reference in to-day's official statement to the capture of 120 guiss, of which a considerable number were of heavy callbre.

The German losses in men are estimated at more than 200,000, with the probability that the total reached 235,000. These figures include killed, wounded and prisoners, and constitute one of the most formidable totals of the present war.

The number of German prisoners ag-gregates approximately 20,000. The usual formula among military experts is to estimate the casualties at five times the number of prisoners, but this five the number of prisoners, but this five to one ratio has not held good in the present case, owing to the exceedingly sanguinary character of the fighting for the mastery of the strategic position on the Chemin des Dames plateau. The termans held this firmly at the outset, and exception that gives certain privileges an exception that gives certain privileges an exception that gives certain privileges an exception that gives certain privileges and exception that gives certain privileges and exception that gives certain privileges and privileges are the privileges and privileges and privileges are the privileges and privileges and privileges and privileges are the privileges and privileges are the privileges and privileges are the privileges are the privileges and privileges are the privile

HOUSE VOTES DOWN T. R. PLAN

170 to 106 Against Raising Volunteer Force for France.

ROOSEVELT STILL FIRM

Colonel Emphasizes Need of Conscription, but Defends His Army Proposal.

fate of the selective conscription system at the hands of the Senate Col Roosedivision to join the European battle line to-day declared that the navy had dewill be supported by advocates as well vised a brilliant plan to overcome subas opponents of the Administration army marines. He gave it as his personal

day refused to amend the army bill so fidence that the crisis in the U-boat as to permit Col. Ro sevelt to raise a menace presently will be past. volunteer force for service in France. Lord Beresford did not intimate what Miss Rankin of Montana was among the plan is, but it is strongly believed Entente are in complete harmony as to those who voted for the amendment. As she passed between the tellers mem-

The fight for the Harding amendment, weapons, and the Harding way for the raising of the Roosevelt division, or divisions, will reflected confidence founded on a recent conference between British and American naval authorities.

The possibility of a greater participation of the results of the property of the possibility of a greater participation.

to bear upon the Democrats to defeat the Roosevelt supporters to-night was that the President would find it possible to the President would find it possible appoint him to a place at the head of the first troops to be sent to Europe. Senator Kenyon, who spoke in favor

of the selective conscription system, and Senator Kellogg of Minnesota both urged the approval of the Roosevelt plan the approval of the Roosevelt plan-senator Fall of New Mexico, who opposed conscription, likewise announced that he would support the Harding

"I shall vote for one exception on the question of volunteers," said Senator

Hints of a Great American Device. .

templates Larger Part

ing Submersible Parts All Over Empire.

in Conflict.

Special Cable Despatch to Tax Scs. LONDON, April 27.-Lord Beresford, judgment that the plan would succeed. By a vote of 170 to 106 the House to- such an authority inspires especial con-

it concerns an American contribution to bers on both sides of the House cheered maintained that American Inventiveness could produce effective anti-submarine the fight for the Harding amendment, weapons, and there are some reasons to

be opened in the Senate to-morrow, be opened in the Senate to-morrow. Senator Harding will make the first can naval authorities.

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The possibility of a greater participation by Jupan in the war has been distinctly plan array. Marshal Joffre and the French milligranges diplomat, is quoted as saying the country how modern warfare is being waged on the European battlefronts. Officers of the War College here heard It is generally admitted, however, that
theirs will be a futile fight. All the Administration influence has been brought
Japan being determined to collaborate contemplating a larger part in the war, Japan being determined to collaborate armies of her ailies. Nevertheless the impression has been created that Japan great advantage to the allied cause.
It is now recognized that it is useless to fight U-boats by building ships faster than they can be sunk. The number of U-boats is increasing constantly, because they are turned out by standard-

England's problem now is to live through 1917 and until the harvest of 1918, for by that time the increased domestic food production surely will be In the baille of Arras, to judge from they will have another mouthpiece in the British and German reports. Field the auxiliary service law.

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In the baille of Arras, to judge from they will have another mouthpiece in the the finding in the fertilizers, coal, steel, oil and transfer domestic food production gurely will be an exception that gives certain privileges to him an exception that gives certain privileges are money, food in quantifie domestic food production gurely wi

of the national fuel supply during the war "Any news of my receiving such an appointment must come from Washington," said Mr. Peabody.

THE GREENBRIKE White Supplur springs, W. Va. Ideal time for the war through which he passed on his way from Oyster Bay to Chicago, where to-night he will speak in a campington," said Mr. Peabody.

THE GREENBRIKE White Supplur springs, W. Va. Ideal time for the war.

Only one night from New Tork.

One of the national fuel supply during the war broke out in by company officials, who pointed out lined the mine was known as a "gas, in the war broke out in by company officials, who pointed out lined the mine was known as a "gas, in the war broke out in the war broke o

British Admiralty Expert Balfour Holds Conference With Col. House and Ex-President Taft.

SURE OF ITS SUCCESS ALSO MEETS SCHWAB

Baron Kato Says Japan Con- Root, Gregory and Senator Hale in Attendance at Discussion.

DECISIVE MOVE IMPENDS FRENCH PROLONG STAY

Germany Now Reported Build- British Experts Outline Method for Raising of an

WASHINGTON, April 27 .- The war conferences have progressed to a point well's proposed enterprise of raising a the Admiralty expert, in a speech here where definite practical results are becoming manifest. Although the British commission has been here less than a week and the Frenchmen fewer than three days the following results may

Mr. Balfour has assured the British Government and M. Viviant has assured France that the United States and the of 2,000,000 men. the basic principles of how the war is to be prosecuted unflinchingly and without until the German enace has been removed from civiliza-

The British army experts have out-

the story of the battle of the Marne Harding amendment and the prospects are they will be successful with some Republican aid. The only hope of the for latter to the fullest extent to defeat Germany. Later he added that he regretted it This and further information will be of the distance. for Japan's army to fight alongside the future plan of sending troops to Europe The general scheme whereby the United States will devote financial as soon will make a sensational move of sistance to the Entente has been mapped out by Lord Cupliffe, governor of the Bank of England, and Secretary Mc-

Agreement has been reached for the United States to concentrate its first war efforts on supplying increased shipping facilities and food to the Entente.

France Needs Supplies.

Members of the French mission in enference with various officials in-ermed them to-day that the things rance needs most from the United

Says Toll of U-Boats Exceeds All Reports

LONDON, April 27.—Herbert L. Samuel, former Home Secretary, speaking in London to-night on the gravity of the sub-marine menace, said that the figures he had seen on the sinking of vessels show that the situation is worse than official reports have

READY TO RAISE 2.000.000 MEN

War Department, Anticipating Conscription, Prepares for Big Task.

parently assured, the War Department s preparing to set machinery in motion without delay to produce under the measure within two years a trained army

Within ten days after the bill is be registering its young men for duty, war was likely to continue for some and work will have begun on the sixteen training cantonments or camps where lined a course of procedure whereby the preparation of the forces for war will United States can follow the successful start in August or September. Sites for features of the British plan of raising the cantonments have been selected tentatively, and all arrangements made for the concentration of the troops assigned

Decentralization of administrative in every move it makes. Details will not be disclosed until the bill has passed, but it is known that registration will be carried on through sheriffs and other county officials, aided by postmasters or other Federal agencies where that seems desirable. Instructions and forms al-ready have been prepared and will be forwarded to the State Adjutants-General

Wide publicity is planned, so that no man liable for registration will have a good excuse for falling to respond. On a date to be set every citizen affected by the act will be required on pain of heavy penalty, to present himself at the nearest registration place, where ma-chinery will be provided for classifying the recruits and eliminating those ex-Doubtful cases will be referred

e complete, the task of selecting the

Fight of the Starpe, to converte weathing causes
was made the country of the coun

Must Act Quickly to Avert World Famine, Envoys Warn.

VESSELS NEEDED NOW

Daniels Speeds Construction of Destroyers to Meet Menace.

STUDY BOARD IS URGED

Senator McCumber Wants Government Commission to Take Up Problem.

WASHINGTON, April 27 .- Reports that the German submarine blockade is becoming more and more efficient were given serious attention at to-day's WASHINGTON, April 27 .- Enactment of Cabinet meeting, and most of the disthe selective conscription army bill ap- cussion was directed toward supplying quickly as many ships as possible to carry supplies to the Entente.

Members of the Cabinet reported on information they had received from members of the British and French ommissions now in this country. The signed every township in the country will idea was expressed generally that the time, and that it was vitally necessary to turn out merchant ships as quickly

Secretary Daniels has plans for speeding up the construction of destroyers, and meanwhile the work on larger warships which cannot be finished for several years, will be allowed

to slacken. Interrupting the trend of the debate on the selective conscription bill Senator McCumber, North Dakota, made a plea to the Senate to-day to authorize the apto the Senate to-day to authorize the ap-pointment of a committee to undertake to provide means of meeting the menace of the submarine. It was the first time since the discussion of the army bill began that the possibility of havor began that the possibility of havoc wrought by the U-boats had been men-tioned.

Senator McCumber, who has offered an amendment to the pending army bill to provide for the appointment of the com-

n, said: "This war will be won or lost by the submarines. If we can triumph over the submarine, this war can be won without he actual employment of a single American soldier in Europe. If the submarine triumphs over us we cannot win this war trained and officered men under arms We cannot create, equip and tra-efficient army of say a million me

Is the facility of active becomes from the facility active law was an obstitute of the facility of the facilit

ligrent nations.

The chief causes for the prevailing of the first week of the Some offensive that period unread and the separation of the some of the

the board also is stricting to out the Ger-man and Austrian ships into service as quickly as possible and to transfer to